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AND FLORA 02.05-11

1. DURING 28 JULY MEETING AT HYDROMET, CHERCHENKO AND KAZAKOV
PROVIDED UNDATED LETTER (PLUS COPY FOR BROWN) FOR WLLIS FROM LAPIN.
INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DETAILED LETTER OF 29
JUNE 1976 AND FOR THE KIND WORDS THEREIN.

3. I AM MOST PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE PLEASANT MEMORIES OF OUR
MEETING AT THE CARY ARBORETUM. AS I ALREADY WROTE YOU,
FOR ME THESE ARE DAYS FILLED WITH FRIENDSHIP FOR YOUR PICTURES-
QUE NATURE AND FOR YOUR INTERESTING SCIENTIFIC WORK WHICH YOU
MANAGE FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF THE VEGETATIONAL WEALTH OF THE
COUNTRY. YOUR KIND ATTENTION, YOUR HOSPITALITY, AND FRIENDLY
CONCERN, FOREVER REMAIN IN MY MEMORY.

4. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT OUR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IS DEVELOPING
FURTHER.

5. THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS OF THE EXPEDITION - DR. V. I.
NEKRASOV, A. K. SKVORTSOV AND B. N. GOLOVKIN -ARE PLANNING TO COME
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TO THE U.S. ON 20 AUGUST FOR A 20-DAY VISIT TO THE APPALACHIAN

MOUNTAIN REGION AND THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS. IN ORDER FOR THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXPEDITION TO RECEIVE THEIR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES MORE CONVENIENTLY, WE WOULD LIKE THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS TO COME ON 12 SEPTEMBER.

6. THE FACT IS THAT DR. V. I. NEKRASOV, ACCORDING TO OUR PLAN, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU ON THE TRIP TO THE CAUCASUS. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD NOT ARRIVE BEFORE HIS RETURN HOME.

7. THE SOVIET SIDE HAS AGREED TO EXTEND THE VISIT OF THE U.S. SCIENTISTS TO 22 DAYS. WE ARE PLANNING A VERY INTERESTING TRIP THROUGH THE CAUCASUS AND WILL INTRODUCE THE AMERICAN BOTANISTS TO THE SEMI-DESERT, FRIGID AREAS AND FOREST VEGETATION AREAS OF ARMENIA, TO SUBTROPICAL FLORA OF GEORGIA, AND TO THE VEGETATION OF VARIOUS BELTS OF THE MIAN CAUCASUS RANGE.

8. DR. NEKRASOV WILL BRING THE DETAILED PLAN OF THE TRIP WITH HIM.

9. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES FIELD WORK WITH COLLECTING OF HERBARIUM, SEEDS AND CUTTINGS OF PLANTS IN THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE WHICH INTEREST YOU. I HOPE THAT THE SOVIET BOTANISTS WILL HAVE SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USA.

10. I AM COUNTING ON THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST SHORT, JOINT EXPEDITION BECAUSE ON ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS, TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT, THE POSSIBILITY OF BROADENING OUR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

11. I IMPATIENTLY AWAIT OUR MEETING IN MOSCOW.

12. WITH ALL MY HEART I WISH FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPALACHIAN TRIP.

13. PLEASE CONVEY MY HEARTFELT REGARDS TO MRS. ELLIS AND TO YOUR WONDERFUL SON, AND ALSO TO ALL WHO REMEMBER ME IN CARY ARBORETUM. END QUOTE.

14. LETTER POUCHED EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES, REGISTRY NUMBER 3584574. SCIENCE OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF "DETAILED PLAN" WHEN DELIVERED BY NEKRASOV.
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